

Security Information

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States it is ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established a medal to be known as the National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement with accompanying ribbon and appurtenances. This medal and its appurtenances shall be of appropriate design, approved by the Director of Central Intelligence.
2. The National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947 has made an outstanding contribution to the national intelligence effort.
3. a. The decoration established by this order shall be awarded by the Director of Central Intelligence or by such officer as he may designate. Awards shall be made under regulations prescribed by the Director of Central Intelligence.  
b. Under special circumstances the decoration established by this order may also be awarded by, or at the direction of, the President to any person performing a service to the national intelligence effort of the requisite nature.  
c. No more than one National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement shall be awarded to any one person, but for subsequent services justifying an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the medal.
5. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are recipients of the decoration established by this order are authorized to wear an appropriate ribbon, symbolic of the award, in accordance with applicable uniform regulations.
6. The decoration established by this order may be awarded posthumously.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

The White House  
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